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Sub B> 1 1. A nut assembly for joining two or more workpieces together comprising;  
2 a first fastener member having a first generally cylindrical inner bore  
3 provided with a first set of threads therein,  
AI 4 a second fastener member provided with a second set of threads on  
5 an exterior surface thereof for threadable engagement with said first set of  
6 threads, said second fastener member having a second generally cylindrical  
7 inner bore provided with a third set of threads therein,  
8 said first set of threads, said second set of threads and said third set  
9 of threads all being cut in the same direction,  
10 whereby as a threaded member having a thread/shank interface is  
11 threadably advanced into said third set of threads of said second fastener  
12 member, said third set of threads of said second fastener member contact said  
13 thread/shank interface of said threaded member, with further relative  
14 advancement rotation between said first fastener member and said second  
15 fastener member causing said first fastener member to be advanced past said  
16 thread/shank interface of said threaded member and contact a said workpiece  
17 adjacent said nut assembly.

Sub B> 1 13. A fastener as set forth in claim 10 wherein said workpiece further  
A2 2 comprises at least two coplanar members each having an opening, each said  
3 opening coaxially aligned, with said shank extending through both openings  
4 and terminating therebeyond so that when said fastener is threaded onto said

5 threaded bolt or other threaded member, said generally cylindrical member  
6 first contacts said shank, with additional torque applied to said fastener  
7 member or said threaded bolt or other threaded member breaking said  
8 attachment so that said fastener member may be threaded onto said cylindrical  
9 member to abut an adjacent said coplanar member.

1 14. A method for fastening adjoining members wherein a shank of a threaded  
2 article passes slightly beyond said adjoining members comprising the steps of:

3 1) threadably positioning a sleeve having exterior threads and interior  
4 threads within a threaded bore of a fastening member,

5 2) threadably advancing said sleeve onto said article until said sleeve  
6 abuts a thread/shank interface of said threaded article, halting advancement  
7 of said sleeve onto said article,

8 3) continuing to threadably advance said fastening member on said  
9 sleeve until said fastening member is sufficiently tightened against an adjacent  
10 one of said adjoining members.

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